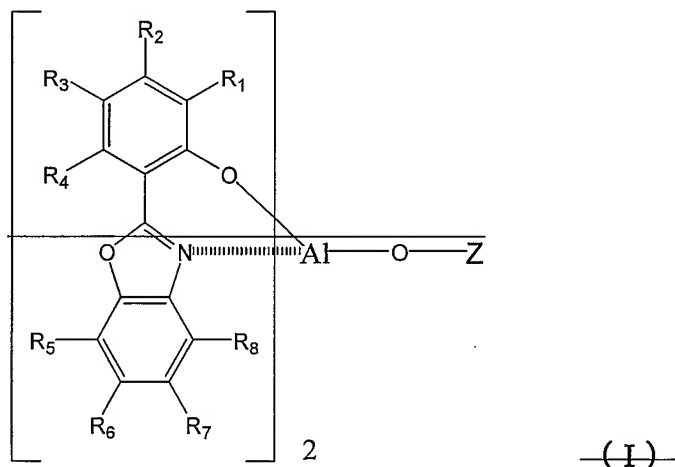
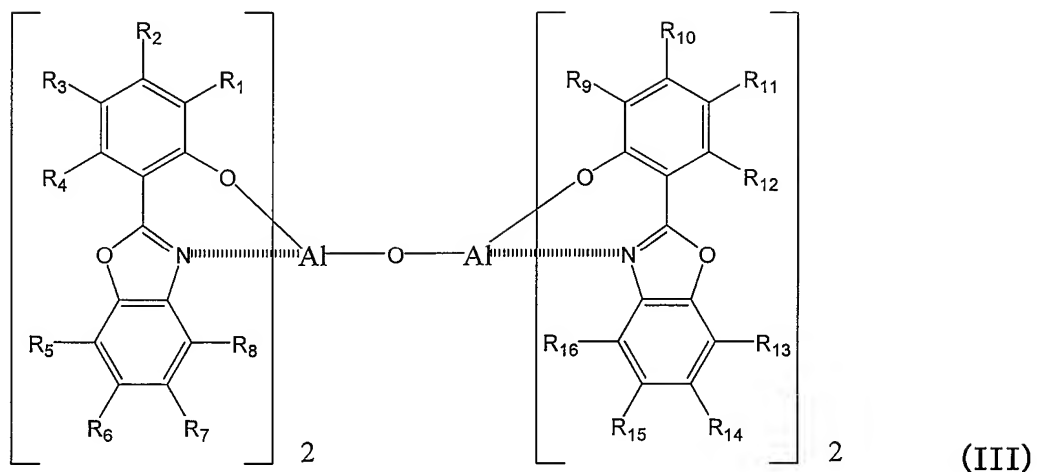


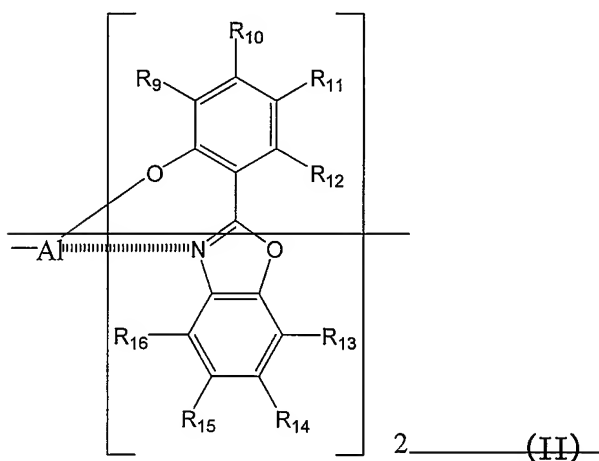
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An organic electroluminescent device, comprising:
organic compound thin film layers including a luminescent layer, the organic compound thin film layers being formed between a pair of electrodes;
a hole-transporting layer disposed between the luminescent layer and an anode; and
an electron-transporting layer disposed between the luminescent layer and a cathode,
the organic electroluminescent device having no hole-blocking layer between the electron-transporting layer and the luminescent layer,
the organic electroluminescent device being characterized in that the luminescent layer contains a compound represented by the following general ~~[[formula (I)]]~~ formula (III) as a host material and an organometal complex containing at least one metal selected from the group consisting of ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, silver, rhenium, osmium, iridium, platinum, and gold as a guest material:





where R₁ to R₈ each independently represent hydrogen atom, alkyl group, aralkyl group, alkenyl group, cyano group, amino group, amide group, ~~alkoxycarbonyl group~~, alkoxycarbonyl group, carboxyl group, alkoxy group, or aromatic group which may have a substituent, and ~~Z represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent, aromatic heterocyclic group, triarylsilyl group, or group represented by the following formula (II):~~



where R₉ to R₁₆ each independently represent hydrogen atom, alkyl group, aralkyl group, alkenyl group, cyano group, amino group, amide group, alkoxycarbonyl group, carboxyl group, alkoxy group, or aromatic group which may have a substituent.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) ~~An—organic~~ The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the guest material comprises tris(2-phenylpyridine)iridium complex capable of emitting green phosphorescence.

4. (New) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the luminescent layer emits light via phosphorescence and the organometal complex is a phosphorescent organometal complex.